1.	2.	3.
5.	Lakshadweep	Rs. 20.75 (1.9.88) (Wages have been fixed by an executive order).
6.	Pondicherry	
	(i) Pondicherry Region	Rs. 7.00 (3.12.83)
	(ii) Mahe Region	Rs. 12.00 (7.4.87)
	(iii) Yanam Region	Rs. 11.00 (15.3.88)
	(iv) Karaikal Region	Rs. 8.00 (16.1.86)

नशीले पदार्थों की लत

448. **श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि स्मैक, हैरोइन तथा अन्य नशीले पदार्थों के सेवन की बढ़ती हुई लत पर तुरंत काबू पाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): सरकार ने नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग से निपटने के लिए, नशीली दवाओं की मांग और पूर्ति दोनों पर नियंत्रण रखने हेतु एक व्यापक कार्यनीति अपनाई है। मांग में कमी लाने की दिशा में, चेतना निर्माण तथा नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग के दुष्परिणामों के प्रति लोगों को शिक्षित करने के कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से तथा व्यसनियों के अभिप्रेरण, परामर्श, उपचार, अनुवर्तन तथा पुनर्वास से सुसंगठित कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से उपाय किए गए हैं। सरकारी जनसंचार माध्यमों द्वारा चेतना निर्माण कार्यक्रमों के लिए भी प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। दूसरी ओर, स्वापक औषध (नरकोटिक्स) और मनोविकारी (साइकोट्रापिक) पदार्थों के अवैध व्यापार पर नियंत्रण के लिए, विद्यमान कानून को सख्ती से लागू किया जा रहा है।

Expenditure on relief and rehabilitation of flood victims 449. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred on relief and rehabilitation of flood victims in the country during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table on the Sabha.

Indefinite Strike by Employees of Paradeep Phosphates Limited

450. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Paradeep Phosphates Limited had gone on an indefinite strike recently in support of their nine point charter of demand;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands;

(c) whether the strike has since been called off after due negotiation between workers and the management; and

(d) if so, what action have been taken to fulfil their demand?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The demands made by the employees' Union were as follows:

(i) Payment of bonus/grant of *ex-gratia* payment for the year 1988-89.

(ii) Wage settlement.

(iii) Formulation of promotion policy for the workmen.

(iv) Canteen facility for contract labour.

(v) Review of policy on training period of apprenticeship.

(vi) Reduction of staff.

(vii) Accommodation facility for contract labour.

(viii) Action against the Deputy General Manager (Maintenance) for alleged misbehaviour with the General Secretary of the Union.

(ix) Restoration of the privileges withdrawn and removal of anomalies in the pay gradss.

(c) The strike was called off by the union unconditionally.

(d) The Government of Orissa referred the demands relating to formulation of promotion policy, accommodation facility for contract labour and removal of anomalies in the pay grades for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal. In respect of the remaining demands, the stand of Paradeep Phosphates Limited has been as under:

(i) The Company has not made any profit as provided under the Payment of Bonus Act and, therefore, neither bonus nor ex-gratia payment is justified.

(ii) The management has already proposed wage negotiations as early as September 15, 1989.

(iii) Provision for canteen facility for contract labour is the responsibility of the contractors. Management has provided building for canteen for contract labour to be managed by the contractor. All contract labourers are expected to avail this facility.

(iv) The training period of apprentices cannot be made the subject matter of industrial dispute.

(v) There has not been any reduction in the staff and in fact the management is filling up vacancies.

(vi) Action against Manager for alleged misbehaviour cannot be the subject of industrial dispute.

(vii) The dispute regarding withdrawal of privileges was raised earlier by the Union and already covered by the conciliation failure report which has been disposed of by the Government of Orissa.

Non-Payment of Salaries to Personnel of Wage Board for Journalists and Non-Journalists

451. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no funds were sanctioned from September, 1988 for the payment of salaries to the personnel of the Wage Board for Journalists and non-Journalists; and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the salaries paid so far; and

(c) the reasons for the delay if any, in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Following amount was paid on account of salaries to the personnel of Wage Boards for Journalists and Non-Journalist Newspaper Employees:-

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	. . . 1.30
1986-87	. . . 4.76
1987-88	. . . 5.86
1988-89	... 6.80
1989-90	. . . 2.45

(c) Does not arise.

Arrears of Provident Fund due from the Private Sector

452. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of provident fund arrears due from the private sector as on the 31st March, 1989; and

(b) the number of prosecutions launched, convictions obtained and the amount involved in this behalf during the last three years, year wise?